Release of monkeys in NIV, PUNE by animal activists

2674. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some animal activists forcibly released monkeys meant for research in the National Institute of Virology, Pune;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the monkeys infected with different disease agents may posa a danger to public health; and

(c) if so, the preventive measures Government propose to take in the interest of public health?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) A total of 37 research monkeys were taken away for rehabilitation from National Institute of Virology, Pune by Animal activist group under instructions from Committee for the Purpose of Control and Supervision of Experiments on Animals (CPCSEA).

(b) and (c) all the monkeys are tested before conducting experiments on them and also after the experiments and before their rehabilitation.

Supply of adulterated milk in Delhi

2675. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the supply of lakh of litres of adulterated, sub-standard milk in Delhi by the organised and unorganized sectors endangering the health of the people;

(b) if so, whether Government have made any inquiry in this regard;

(c) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(d) the action taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE INTHE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (d) Government of NCT of Delhi have informed that as per the available data it is not correct that adulterated milk in large quantities is being sold in Delhi. However, instruction has been issued to the Food Inspectors to be vigilant and

collect samples of milk for analysis in large numbers. 212 samples of milk were analysed in 2001 out of which 54 were found adulterated and 110 samples have been collected up to 30.6.2002 out of which 34 were found adulterated. Action in respect of samples found adulterated is taken as per the provisions of prevention of Food Adulteration Act, 1954.

Poor condition of CGHS

2676. SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that 84 per cent of Central Government patients particularly retired senior citizens seek the advice and treatment of private doctors on account of poor, precarious, negligible treatment and misbehaviour of CGHS staff who supply sub-standard, outdated medicines by taking 10-15 days time;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to survey CGHS dispensaries in Delhi particularly in South as CGHS network is in a shamble, as reported in the 'Hindustan Times' dated 30th May, 2002; and

(c) whether Government have any scheme for allowing senior citizens from 60 years onwards to undertake free treatment of their choice in private hospitals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b)The information is being collected and would be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) CGHS beneficiaries (both serving and pensioners) have the option of availing general/specialized treatment and diagnostic procedures at private hospitals/diagnostic centres recognised under CGHS Delhi after obtaining the recommendation regarding line of treatment from the specialist of CGHS/Govt. hospital/CMO In-charge of the dispensary and prior permission from the concerned office/Department in the case of serving employees and from the CMO In-charge of CGHS dispensaries in the case of pensioner beneficiaries.